

(b) if so, the details of the action taken thereon, so far; and

(c) by when the above said KVK is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) The proposal for establishment of a Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) at Karamchedu in Andhra Pradesh was received in the Indian Council of Agricultural research during 2003. Since, the Government has approved for establishment of one KVK in each of the rural districts of the country, a full fledged KVK has been sanctioned at Darsi during 2004 for which additional land has also been provided by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. There is no proposal for establishment of a second KVK in the district.

Sowing of wheat

†422. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that wheat has been sown on 280 lakh hectares of land under kharif crops during 2006-07, which is higher than the previous year;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard and the area of wheat sown in hectares of land compared to the previous year;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the production of wheat would be higher this year due to its sowing on the area of land larger than that of the previous year;

(d) if so, the facts in this regard;

(e) whether there is any assessment of increase in the rate of production of wheat this year in any State in comparison to the last year; and

(f) if so, the names of such States and the percentage of such increase in production of wheat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) As per the 2nd Advance Estimates

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

released on 05.02.2007, the area coverage under wheat, which is a rabi crop, is estimated at 27.11 million hectares during 2006-07, which shows an increase of about 0.63 million hectare over 26.48 million hectares under wheat during 2005-06.

(c) and (d) The production of wheat for the year 2006-07 is estimated at 72.50 million tonnes which is 2.71 million tonnes more than the production of 69.35 million tonnes during 2005-06.

(e) and (f) As per assessment, the names of major wheat producing States where the production of wheat for 2006-07 shows an increase over that in 2005-06 is given in the table below alongwith the estimated percentage increase therein:

State	Increase in Production (%)
Uttar Pradesh	5.9
Madhya Pradesh	1.8
Haryana	9.5
Gujarat	25.8

Price of vegetables

423. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the prices of onions, potatoes and other vegetables are rising alarmingly;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the action/steps taken by the Central Government to contain the rise in prices of vegetables in the country and more particularly in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) The movement of Weekly Index for Wholesales Prices of onions, potatoes and other vegetables from 23rd December, 2006 to 10th February, 2007 which are given below shows the degree of rise in their prices.